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Customer No. 22882
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/618,037) Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 17, 2000)
For: Single-Lock Anterior Cervical)
Plate (As Amended))

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, the following
amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATE--

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claims 102-199 and 291-298 without prejudice or disclaimer of~~
their subject matter and add the following new claims:

400.00
72.00

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01 FC:102
02 FC:103